

**Barcelona National
1st Open 1st Section G
Steve & Sally Rhodes of Aylesham
With "Lucky Lady"**

Well done to all our gallant pigeons who arrived home. Birds liberated at 7am on Friday 8th July 2022.

They say all roads lead to Rome, well these Rhodes led to Barcelona. Congratulations to **Steve & Sally Rhodes of Aylesham on winning 1st & 8th Open 1st & 4th Section G** from Barcelona.

We were thrilled to time our good medium sized Freialdenhoffen hen now known as "Lucky Lady" after all the turmoil of C P H I felt was it worth it, well a day like today the answer is yes when you get the butterflies and shakes putting the rubbers in the clock. She is from our direct stock Barcelona Lady "Marseille Star" Iron Lady "Forest Gump" all close in her pedigree This was her first competitive race this year, lifted from 130 miles training with Wingham RPC. Raced on roundabout they run with cocks a few seconds then are separated, we sprint birds doing very well on this method. Her ring says 14 pigeon but she was 2017 late bred, we used old rings building our numbers up. She flew Lerwick last season on the North Road and in 2020 flew Barcelona for the first time.

All birds are fed on Country Wide corn. Well done to Geoff and Clayton Preece.

Our second bird is bred from our good cock "Rocky " 3rd Open BBC Zaragoza 14th Open Barcelona 12th Open BICC Barcelona 12th Open Pau BICC old Aarden blood x Freialdenhofen hen we call "International". She is a daughter of Forest Junior 1st International Pau when paired to a daughter of "Forest Gump". Our chequer cock was doing Barcelona for his first time on the roundabout method, same as our first pigeon home he was tired but plenty of spirit hopefully better for the experience.



Steve, Sally and Paul Rhodes

2nd, 3rd & 5th 1st, 2nd & 3rd Section D Open Mark Gilbert of Windsor. Mark's first pigeon is from a Son of Zwart Goud when Zwart Goud was paired to a Daughter of Snelle Jelle (Zwart Goud father to 1st 3,285 birds 2nd 2,234 birds 6th 4,588 birds etc etc. Snelle Jelle 2nd Nat Perpignan 5,608 birds) x Daughter of New Laureaat x Kleine Jade (New Laureaat Gold Wing Winner 2011-2012-2013 he was 1st National Barcelona 10,685 birds 1st International Barcelona 25,383 birds 2013, Kleine Jade 1st International Barcelona 2014). Marks first pigeon is the same way bred as 1st National Agen for him 2018.

Second pigeon Prov 2nd Section 3rd Open is from a Son of New Laureaat when paired to the Dam of Nathan (This cock has also bred 1st National Poitiers 2018) x Daughter of Special One x Romee (Special One 1st National 1st International Barcelona 19,083 birds 2015, Romee Mother of 3rd National Barcelona 2019 29th Perpignan 2018 Romee also won 3rd National Bergerac 10,327 birds 3rd Nat Orange 4,302 3rd NPO St Vincent 1,365 birds 5th National Brive 7,241 birds.



Mark Gilbert

2nd Section G 4th Open Lee & Kevin Buddle of Dover. Our provisional 2nd Sec G, 4th Open BBC Barcelona is a 6 year old cock we call 'Sixteen-02' flown on our widowhood chaos type of system. Preparation for the long-distance races this year has been totally different to other years as we were unable to get into France earlier in the season, this cock only had 4x inland races out to 160 miles, 2x Guernsey races with the BICC & NFC and 1x BICC St Philbert 265 miles which was a tough race and he was home in the early hours of the 2nd Day.

Feed as always here is very simple with the same mix being given every day, 7 days a week. It consists of 2/3 Versele-Laga Superstar Plus & 1/3 Best Allrounder or an Irish Mixture, with Fats given after their feeds for the last 3 days before basketing.

'Sixteen-02' has previously won 2nd Sec G, 10th Open BBC Barcelona. 11th ES, 20th National BICC Barcelona 2020 & 22nd National BICC Perpignan 593 miles 2019.

His sire is a full brother to our 'Triple Two' 1st Open BBC Barcelona 2019 being a son of 'Amoy' 1st Nat BICC Pau 2009 & 'Mike' multiple top long distance international prize winner & BICC Certificate of merit award winner.

His dam is a Dtr of 'Game' winner of 3rd BICC Perpignan, 7th BICC Perpignan, 15th BICC Pau & 27th BICC Pau, she was a 2003 hen as deep in the base of a lot of our main pigeons.

Congratulations to Steve, Paul & Sally Rhodes on your win of BBC Barcelona 2022.

**'Sixteen-02'
GB16N12102**

Barcelona International 2022, 663 miles.
2nd Sec G, 4th Open BBC
15th ES, 19th National BICC

Barcelona International 2020, 686 miles.
2nd Sec G, 10th Open BBC
11th ES, 20th National BICC

22nd BICC Perpignan 2019
593 miles.
L&K Buddle, Dover



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Lee and Kevin Buddle's Sixteen O2



BBC Presentation 2019
Winners of 1st Open BBC Barcelona 673 miles
L & K Buddle - Dover



L & K Buddle.

6th Open 3rd Section G Bill Knox of Canterbury. 43051 has been a very consistent bird having flown the channel 23 times. Inc 3x Agen 3x Perpignan 24th and 31st BICC Pau 38th BICC now Barcelona 28th BICC. I thought 2020 would be her year but she was just not right and 2021 only Guernsey. I would normally have stopped her but due to the last 2 seasons kept her going. Her sire has also flown the channel 24 times including Barcelona 33rd BICC, Perpignan 66th BICC, 2x St Vincent 34th and 51st BICC, Pau 76th BICC, and Tarbes 512th NFC. Her dam took first EECC Pithivers but returned from Pau with damaged wing. 43051 was sent to Barcelona sitting 2 days having re paired due to the late return of her mate from St Philbert.



Bill and Tricia Knox

1st Section A 7th Open Tony Cowan of Southampton. Last weekend with the heat wave, looking forlornly in the sky for a 'feather', we who sent must be frazzled and baked like a dried prune! The dark cock, 'Sydney' I clocked was his third time at Barcelona, he must know every B&B in France! First time he was a week later, 2020 5th Sect 15th Open and this year 1st Section.

His preparation was not ideal a few training tosses on the North and a couple of times with the country Squire and gentleman farmer friend Clive Turner of Capel is all he had, but on the positive side with the current cost of the living crisis we will never go hungry, all my entrance would of been ideal for the table, (duel purpose) roast or stew them for they were that over weight. All inmates derived from 600 to 700 miles, with some of the best Barcelona bloodlines possible, so as Martin Norman once observed put them altogether than one day you will hit the jackpot.



Tony Cowan

1st Section E 9th Open Tony Mather of T & J Mather & S Haywood of Crich. (thank you to Dave Stone for supplying this report) Tony Mather from Crich, Derbyshire flying over 820 miles timed in a four year old cock, called "Steve's Delight" at 08:32am on Friday morning 15th July to top the section.

This is the second time that Tony has sent to Barcelona (Flying as Mather & Haywood). And it is the second time he has timed in AND seen the pigeon arrive home !! He must be in an elite number of fanciers to do just so!!!! (Having timed in "Barcelona 97" who was 2nd Open BCC Barcelona in 2020). His partner Steve Haywood passed away last season and in honour of him, Tony has named this dark chequer cock "Steve's Delight", because Steve would of been delighted by this performance. Steve was "distance mad" and anything less than 600 miles, he described as a sprint race!! "Steve's Delight" has seen plenty of racing and has crossed the channel many times. He is four years old and has always been a bit different. Instead of perching in the young bird loft, he preferred the corridor in the loft. Tony therefore allowed him to stay there, putting up a single V perch to start with then making him a make-shift box. His box and hen are in the corridor and he attacks anything that drops into the loft - forcing them into the main shed. Tony says he is like a little 'guard dog', ushering the other pigeons into the main shed, whilst he has the run of the corridor. It certainly seems to have motivated him - he was sent on a young bird which he is still feeding on his return. (See photo of Steve's Delight with his hen in the box in the corridor). The breeding: His sire is a Red Chequer Cock, bred by Alwyn Hill and is a direct son of "Wingdown", paired to a hen that is a daughter of Keith Bush's hen that won 1st Sect, 6th Open NFC Tarbes. His dam is a direct "Peit De Vogel" hen bred in 2016, from his renowned marathon pigeons based on "Jounge Stayer". So you could say he was bred for the job!!



Tony Mather



Steve's Delight with his hen

Open Provisional

<i>Open</i>	<i>Mem No</i>	<i>Flying Name</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Ring Number</i>	<i>Mls</i>	<i>A-A-T</i>				<i>Day</i>	<i>Velocity</i>
1	G67	M/M S Rhodes	Aylesham	GB14P47844	670	154	16	7	41	2	730.846
2	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB18B04634	697	1030	19	37	16	2	673.379
3	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB18B04929	697	1030	10	58	28	3	518.373
4	G106	L & K Buddle	Dover	GB16N12102	663	18	17	12	26	3	425.497
5	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB19B06140	697	1030	12	7	2	4	350.883
6	G220	SR & WH Knox	Canterbury	GB14X43051	676	465	7	20	5	5	278.540
7	A954	A Cowan	Southampton	GB17S31156	665	1589	12	41	0	5	255.113
8	G67	M/M S Rhodes	Aylesham	GB18N11107	670	154	14	6	27	5	252.028
9	E730	T & J Mather & S	Nr Matlock	GB18Z35826	815	926	8	32	50	8	184.659

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